



COMMUNITY UPDATE

**EPPING ROAD
UPGRADE**
NOVEMBER 2019

We're upgrading Epping Road to make it quicker, easier and safer to get you where you need to be.

The Epping Road Upgrade is part of the Northern Roads Upgrade.

Project update

In September, we received proposals from three shortlisted bidders to deliver the Northern Roads Upgrade. We expect a contractor to be on board in early 2020.

We'll work with our contractor to develop the detailed design and planned construction of the Epping Road Upgrade.

We'll keep you informed as the project progresses via:

- letters
- door knocks
- information sessions
- our website
- local community events.

We expect to start construction on the Northern Roads Upgrade from mid-to-late 2020.

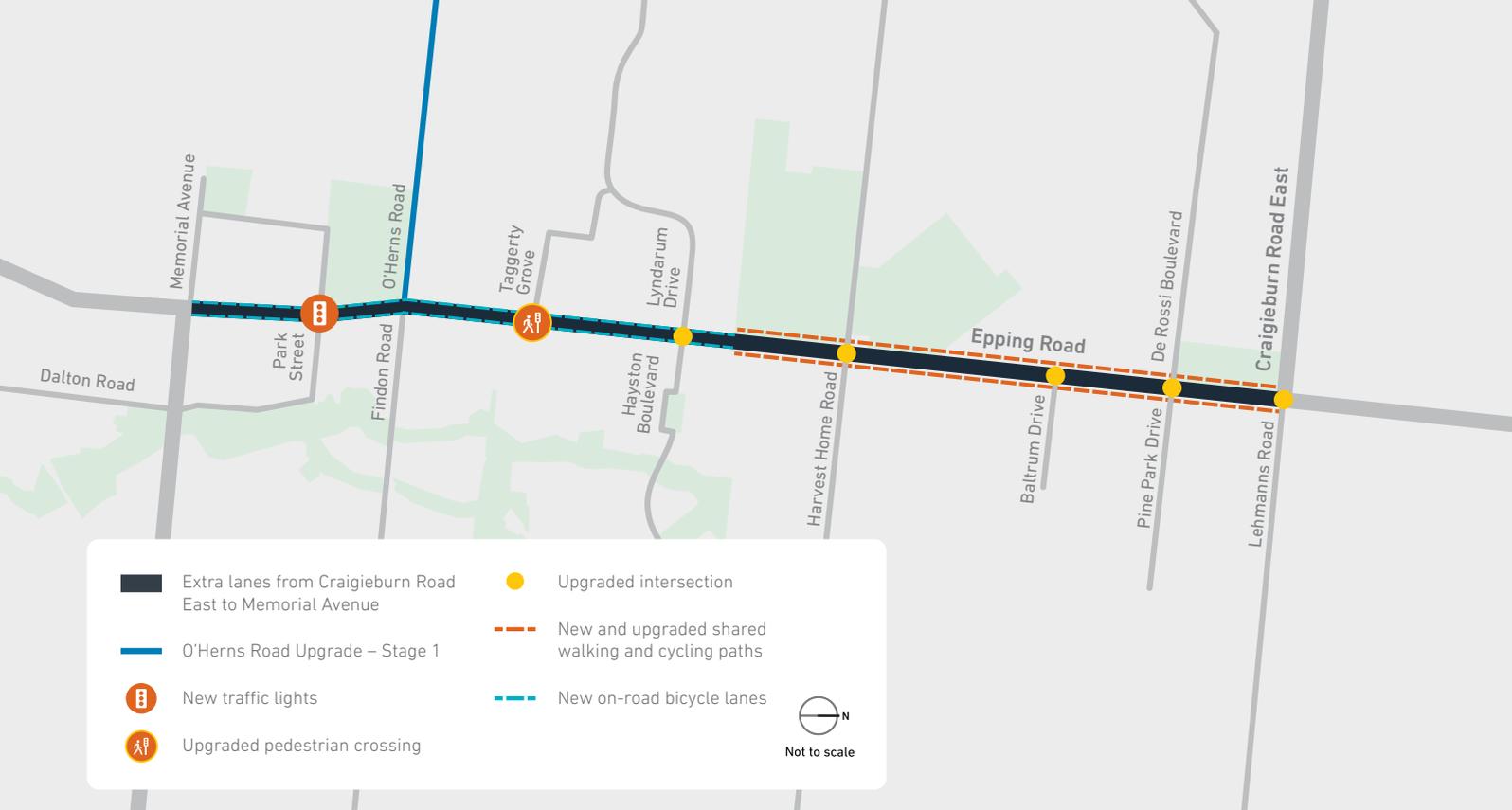
We'll know more about the exact timing of the Epping Road Upgrade early next year.

What we'll do

- add an extra lane in each direction between Craigieburn Road East and Memorial Avenue
- install new traffic lights at Park Street
- upgrade existing intersections in the area
- upgrade the pedestrian traffic lights at Taggerty Grove
- build a new shared walking and cycling path
- add on-road bicycle lanes
- install safety barriers along the road.



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Project benefits

The upgrade will:

- improve traffic flow and travel times
- provide better north-south road connectivity
- provide easier access to jobs and services, including the Epping activity centre, increasing liveability and commercial development opportunities for the Wollert area
- make it easier and safer for you to walk or cycle around your local area
- lower the risk and severity of crashes by adding safety barriers.

Traffic flow improvements

Due to the high levels of traffic along Epping Road, we'll install new traffic lights, upgrade existing intersections and install additional lanes to improve traffic flow and journey reliability.

During peak periods, traffic lights ensure that traffic movements flow more efficiently, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and make it easier for motorists on adjoining roads to cross or turn onto Epping Road.

Local access

During initial public consultation in late 2018, we heard from residents that they were concerned about access changes to side streets and local businesses.

As a result of your feedback, we've updated the proposed design to include a new U-turn between Taggerty Grove and Fletcher Street, as well as moving the proposed U-turn closer to Jordi Place to improve access to side streets and local businesses. We will also increase the right turning lane length to boost capacity for those heading south along Epping Road and turning right onto O'Herns Road.

Proposed timeline

- **Early 2018**
Project announcement
- **From 2018**
Public consultation
- **Late 2019**
Evaluate tender submissions
- **Early 2020**
Award contract
- **Mid-2020**
Develop detailed design
- **Mid-to-late 2020**
Start construction on Northern Roads Upgrade
- **End of 2025**
Finish construction

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